

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 18, 2024

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 5:24 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Jim Giacone opened in prayer and Robin LaBuwi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Robin LaBuwi and Jim Giacone. Board members absent: Shane Cockrum and Stacia Sloan.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Property

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Setting a Price for Sale or Lease of Property. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee entered into an Executive Session in the Executive Board Room at 5:25 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:08 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Jay Copple – yes, Jim Giacone – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Ronda Suver, Recording Secretary; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary Trainee; and Cole Buchanan, Student Council Representative.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Jim Giacone made a motion to employ Blane Miller as a teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Craig Garner as a teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – no, Jay Copple – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Jim Giacone – yes. Motion carried.

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Marci Glover exited the meeting at 6:10 P.M. Stacia Sloan was appointed Secretary Pro-Tempore.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2023

Executive Board Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2023

Tax Levy Hearing (Truth in Taxation) Minutes, December 18, 2023

5.2 Approve Financial Report (December 2023)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (December 2023)

5.4 Review/Approve Final Reading Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 113

5.5 Review/Approve Baseball Team Request for Overnight/Out of State Trip in Bartlett, TN on March 11 & 12, 2024

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jim Giacone – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Mark Minor – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of Press Plus Issue 113 has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Financial Update
- Juvenile Detention Center Closed
- Students with Graduation Requirement Deficiencies
- PA System Upgrade in Rich Herrin Gym

Mr. Docherty & Mr. Miller provided written reports.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

8.1 Approval of Activity Account Expenditures Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the stipends to Shane Garner and Ryan Miller as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel

9.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to employ Teresa Thompson as a substitute bus driver. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.4 Review/Approve Graduation Date & Time Jim Giacone made a motion to set the graduation date for May 11, 2024 at 4:00 P.M. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.5 Review/Approve Resolution for Sale of Real Property Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Sale of School District Property as presented with a minimum bid of \$7,500. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this Resolution has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

9.6 Review/Approve Curriculum/Course Additions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Curriculum/Course additions as presented. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Title IX Decision-Maker Agreement Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Title IX Decision-Maker Agreement as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Jim Giacone remarked at the high quality of applicants for open positions.
- Robin LaBuwi requested modifications to the handicapped toilets in the gym.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 P.M. Jim Giacone seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY